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1. The curriculum of the GOFU Medical Instructors' School included one hour of CW instruction each week; the officer who gave these lectures wore medical insignia. Instruction material emphasized the medical (first aid) viewpoint; it was taken from the CW section of an unclassified book by Gurvich (fnu), published by the Medical Administration of the Armed Forces (date unknown). The manual was 25 x 18 cm in size and contained about 550 pages. the following subjects were covered in the text:

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- a. Anatomy
- b. Internal diseases
- c. Surgery
- d. Eye diseases
- e. Nose
- f. VD
- g. Infectious diseases
- h. Chemical training (about 10 pages)
- i. First aid for food poisoning and other toxic infections
- j. Pharmacology

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2. In the day-room library of the school there were small unclassified booklets on chemical warfare. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] a tabulation of various gases with their odors, physiological reactions, and corresponding first aid measures. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] the following gases: Chlorine; Chloropicrin; Adamsite; Lewisite; Mustard; and Hydrocyanic Acid. [redacted] the odor 25X1
of garlic, violets, and geraniums were associated with various gases, but I cannot match the odors with any specific gases.
3. The GOFG Medical Instructors' School had a few World War II gas masks which were used for training and demonstration purposes. Protective clothing was discussed; [redacted] the clothing 25X1
discussed included a hood and was called an Anti-Mustard-Gas Suit. There was no other protective clothing at school, [redacted] did not 25X1
receive any type of BW or RW training or orientation there.
4. [redacted] at Justerbog-Damm, [redacted] frequently passed close to 25X1
Altes Lager. [redacted] some of the other officers would have heard of any unusual chemical activity at Altes Lager, if there were any. [redacted] any smoke or gas sprayed from airplanes near there. [redacted] one observation balloon moored 25X1
at the Altes Lager airbase, [redacted] was used for surveying.)
5. [redacted] the following offensive and defensive CW equipment:
 - a. Gas Masks: [redacted] Soviet gas masks are 25X1
not issued to Soviet troops but are kept on hand in Army depots.
 - b. Gas Dissemination: In addition to shells, bombs, and airplane spray tanks, [redacted] gas could be sprayed by the use of 25X1
balloons and by dropping glass containers from airplanes.
 - c. Flame Throwers: [redacted] portable and mechanized flame 25X1
throwers [redacted]
 - d. DOSAAF Gas Masks: [redacted] in Kherson [redacted] 4640N-3235E in 25X1
1951, [redacted] gas masks at the offices of the Volunteer Association for Cooperation with Army, Airforce, and Navy (Dobrovolnoye Obshchestvo Sodeystviya Armii, Aviatsii, Flota - DOSAAF). This organization gave pre-military training in rifle marksmanship, parachute jumping, and glider training to its members.
 - (1) These gas masks [redacted] See DIAGRAM A were exhibited in cross-section form to all who visited DOSAAF offices. The gas mask carrier had a pocket containing a light-colored, anti-dim pencil made of wax or some similar material and kept in a wooden container. It also held one or two vials of unidentified liquids to remove mustard-gas droplets.
 - e. In the DOSAAF offices at Kherson, [redacted] yellow-green 25X1
trousers, a tunic-style blouse, and a hat. This suit, used as an anti-mustard-gas suit, seemed to be made of some sticky material similar to wax-cloth. There were also rubber boots and a cellophane gas cape.
6. [redacted] At lectures and in news- 25X1
papers [redacted] "documentary proof" from a commission [redacted]
7. [redacted] there was any emphasis on CW training. No gas 25X1
mask was ever issued [redacted] any gas training alerts [redacted] the USSR is
not training for either offensive or defensive chemical, biological, or radiological warfare.

Page 3, DIAGRAM A- Soviet Gas Masks Exhibited at DOSAAF in Kherson, USSR

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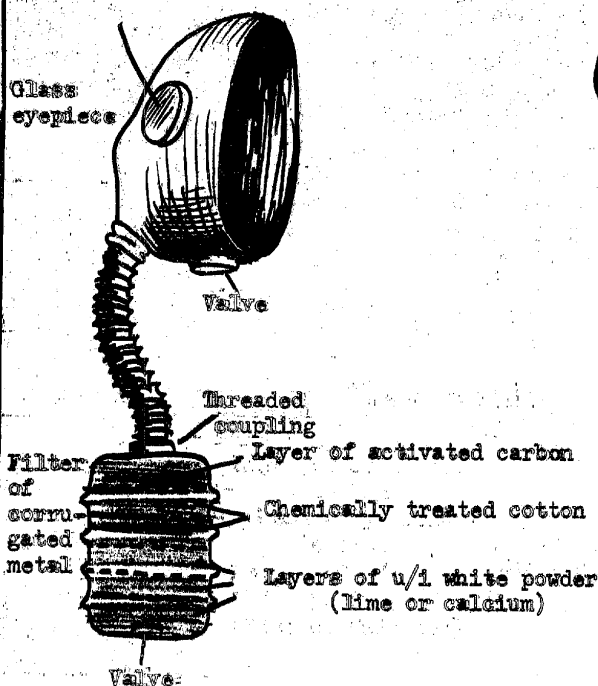
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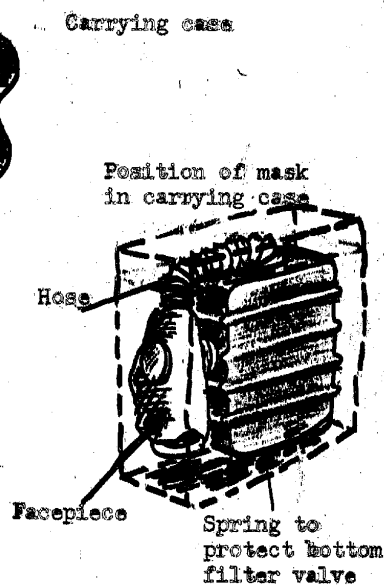
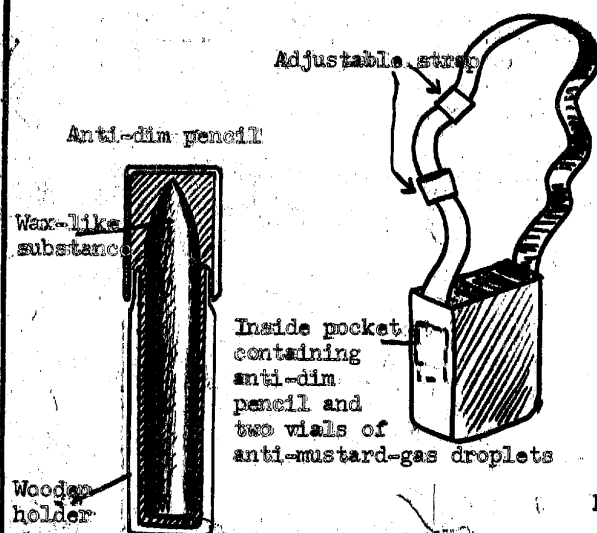
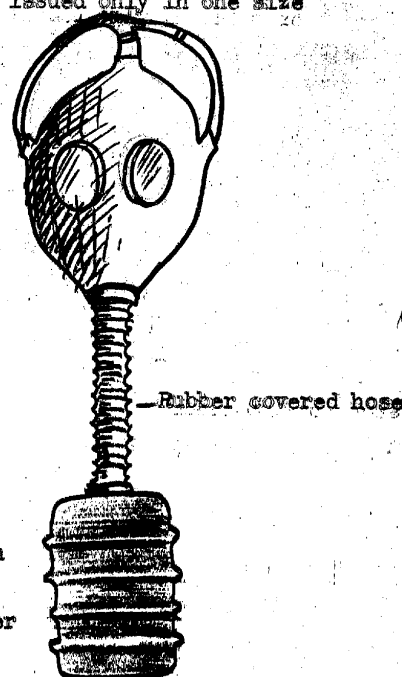
DIAGRAM A

Soviet Gas Masks Exhibited at DOSAAF
in Kherson (№640, E3235), USSR

Non-adjustable facepiece
issued in various sizes



Adjustable facepiece
issued only in one size



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